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1. General Statements.

stayed near the center of the city and, with one exception, Point 15 below, I saw no industrial installations. I estimate the population of Kimry to be about 30,000 to 35,000 people. I know that it was the main city of the rayon, but I cannot give any further details about its importance.

2. List of Installations and Points of Interest.

Reference is made to Enclosure (A), an overlay of USAF Target Complex Mosaic 0154-9895-25M of Kimry (56° 54'N - 37° 18'E) on which I can identify the following pinpointed sites:

Point 1 - Athletic Field. Covered an area of about 160 x 100 m. There were four tiers of wooden seats on the long sides. A soccer field and a running track were the main features. The northeastern side was lined with large poplar trees, a good landmark.

Point 2 - Hospital. Brick building, 30 to 40 x 15 x 9 m, two-storied, gable roof covered with gray tiles. I only entered once and saw that it had X-ray equipment.

Point 3 - Market Place. An area about 50 x 30 m. Occupied with booths selling all imaginable articles.

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Point 4 - Hotel. The "Great Volga Hotel" was a brick building, 15 x 10 x 9 m, with a gable roof covered with slate. The ground floor had a bar with an attractive blonde waitress who spoke very good German and took good care of me. This bar was usually filled with air force officers dressed in the usual dark brown khaki Soviet uniform with a visor cap which had a light blue band around it. Their shoulder boards had a blue stripe down the center and blue piping. Their trousers had a light blue cord down the seams. Army officers were also seen here. Their uniforms had red trimming instead of blue. They did not like the treatment I received from the waitress and would not talk to me; hence, I did not find out where they were stationed.

Vodka sold for 3.60 rubles per 100 grams.

The first floor had a restaurant with red plush drapes, and individual alcoves for patrons. There was also a billiard room. I do not know if there were any rooms for transients and I do not know the manager's name.

Point 5 - Magazine. A brick building, 40 m long, width unknown, 12 m high, two-storied, gable roof covered with slate. This "Zentral Univermag" sold almost everything except foodstuffs. The articles were displayed in display windows about 5 m long, and there were six (6) of them.

Point 6 - Food Store. Brick building, 25 m long, width unknown, 12 m high, gable roof covered with slate. This "Zentral Gastronom" sold meat, fish, bakery goods, vegetables and other foodstuffs. It had four display windows. In July 1950, people still queued up for sugar and bread.

Point 7 - Square. An unpaved area, about 75 x 50 m, with a statue of Marshal Stalin in the center.

Point 8 - Streets. The streets in the center of Kimry were all cobblestone. The streets on which the athletic field (Point 1), the market place (Point 3), the hotel (Point 4), and leading south from the food store (Point 6), were all about 8 m wide, and had concrete-plate sidewalks on each side, about 2 m wide. The other streets which I noticed were all about 4 m wide, with sidewalks about 2 m wide.

Point 9 - Bridge. Wood beam girder, about 150 m long, about 8 to 10 m wide, including sidewalks about 1 to 1.5 m wide on each side. An 80 cm wooden railing was on each side. The flooring was wooden planks, thickness unknown. The bridge was about 3.5 to 4 m above the mean water level. The bridge was resting on land for about 25 m on each side of the river. The wooden girders were about 6 to 8 m apart. There was a scale on the northern side of the bridge on which heavy vehicles were weighed before they crossed. There was no scale on the southern end. Guards were not seen. I never noticed any other regulation of vehicular traffic on this bridge and did not see any load limit signs posted.

Point 10 - Road. Led to Podberesje. This road, which was cobblestone to the outskirts of town and from there on to Podberesje was a dirt road, about 4 m wide and covered with field stones haphazardly tossed on it. 3 m on each side could also be used as road during the summer when it was dry. The sides became a mire whenever it rained or thawed. In winter the road was completely hidden by snow and even snowplows could not clear a path.

Point 11 - Landing Place. 80 to 100 m long, 25 to 30 m wide. The quay was a wooden construction. Ships from Moscow tied up here to discharge passengers. Ship schedules were not known to me. Cranes were not seen.

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Point 12 - Ferry. One ship could carry about 250 to 350 passengers. It had a diesel motor. The other ferry could carry a 3-ton truck and was powered by an electric motor receiving current from a cable across the river. The cable was about 4 m above the water, carried by wooden towers on each side of the river. Their height was not known. The German flight test engineers going to the airfield at Borki crossed on this ferry. I noticed another passenger ferry about half the size of the first one mentioned above, but never saw it operating, so assumed it was in reserve. When ice floes occurred in the river the ferries became inoperative and all traffic across the Volga stopped until the river was completely frozen over.

Point 13 - Savelova. (56° 52'N - 37° 22'E) It had about 10 to 12 thousand inhabitants. I had no opportunity to see much of the city, as I was only there once.

Point 14 - Street. Cobblestone, 10 m wide, no sidewalks.

Point 15 - Plant. A complex consisting of more than 6 buildings. They looked rather new, since the tile roofs were still a bright red in July 1949, when I went there to play against a soccer team from this plant. I have no knowledge of the total number of buildings, name of the plant, what was produced, etc. In August 1948, the development plant in Podberesje where I worked received from this plant two-bearing pivot forgings for the main landing gear of the EF 140 V-3. As far as I know, these were the only parts ever received by the Junkers group from this plant. They were well forged. The buildings were built of bricks, some were stuccoed, and they were two and three stories high. Chimneys were not seen. This complex was surrounded by a 2.5 m high brick wall. I caught a fleeting glimpse of the building while passing the plant entrance. I assume that the plant had a railroad connection.

Point 16 - Volga River.

Point 17 - Railroad. I never saw it, but know there was one in this area because many of the women from Podberesje boarded the train for Moscow here, in order to evade travel restrictions imposed in the station at Dimitrov (56° 17'N - 37° 30'E). Passengers already on trains passing through Dimitrov were not checked.

3. Physical Characteristics.

Kimry was situated on a level, sandy plain, with very few rises in elevation. I assume that its climate was not very different from that of Podberesje, which had an average winter temperature of minus 30°C and plus 35°C in summer.

4. Industrial and Economic Characteristics.

a. Besides the industrial plant mentioned under Point 15, which was located in Savelova, I saw no other industrial installations. I assume, however, that there were two other fairly large plants, as I played soccer against their teams, and soccer teams are usually associated with industrial plants in the USSR. The teams were known as Plamia Kimry and Spartak Kimry.

b. I did not see any high tension lines and had no information on electricity, water, and gas supply. I do not think there was a sewage system, since the toilet in the hotel did not have water flushing. There were no street cars or busses, and I do not remember any street names. There was a telephone connection from Kimry to Podberesje.

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5. Security Systems and Measures.

I have no information on security regulations and procedures, travel restrictions, identification documents and passes, passive defense measures and emergency dispersal plans.

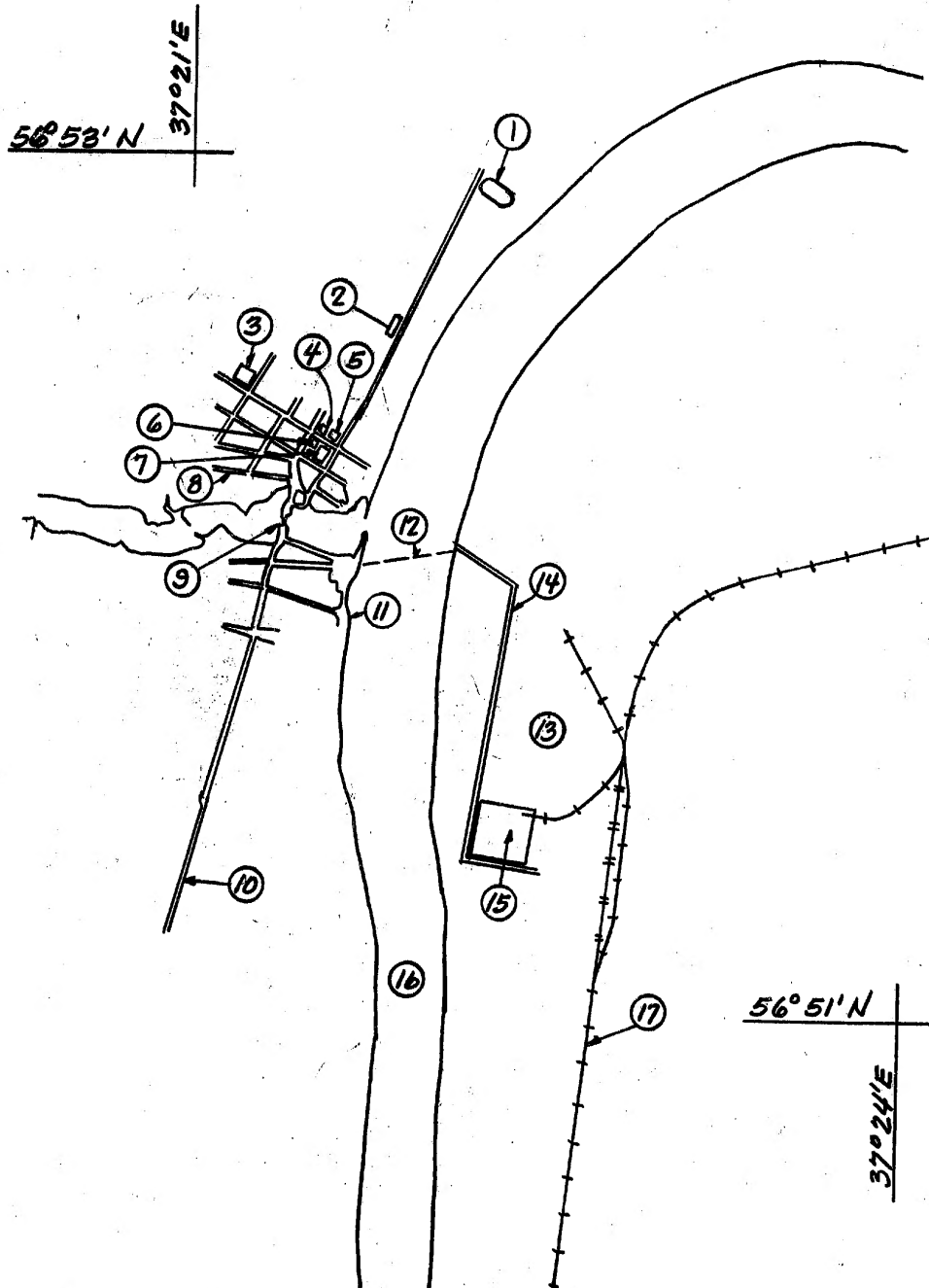
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Enclosure: (A) Overlay of USAF Target Complex Mosaic
0154-9895-25M of Kimry

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OVERLAY of USAF TARGET COMPLEX MOSAIC SERIES 25
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